

Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant 2009
Program Information and Grant Program Guidelines

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) for FY2009 will provide funding to Regional Radio Boards (RRB) to acquire interoperable communication equipment (portable radios/mobile radios/control stations) needed to enhance interoperability within each region. Appropriate equipment will be limited to 800/700 MHz equipment capable of operating on Minnesota's statewide trunked shared radio system currently being implemented, to digitally VHF equipment compatible with improved legacy systems within the region or to multi spectrum radios. On an individual basis, the funds allocated to this project will allow each of the seven RRB to determine how the funds will be allocated among regional stakeholders to address the most urgent communication interoperability issues within the region.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Payments under this award will be made from federal funds obtained by the State through CFDA #97.001, supported under the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 (Public Law 110-329). The Grantee is responsible for compliance with all federal requirements imposed on these funds and accepts full financial responsibility for any requirements imposed by the Grantee's failure to comply with federal requirements.

The Grantee's eligible expenditures under this Grant Agreement must be incurred by the Grantee by the Expiration date of the Grant Agreement. The Grantee will report on all expenditures pertaining to this Grant Agreement in WEGO. Final expenditure report must be received no later than 30 days after the Expiration date of this Grant Agreement;

The Grantee will submit a budget revision and/or work plan revision for any substitution of budget items, any deviation of more than 15% from the approved budget category amounts, or change in work plan from the Grantee's Application. Change requests for substitution of budget items, or a deviation of more than 15% from the approved budget category amount must be submitted in WEGO at least 60 days prior to the Expiration date of this Grant Agreement and before any expenditure may be made on the revised budget or work plan.

The Grantee shall have until 30 days after the expiration date of the Grant Agreement to liquidate all unpaid obligations related to the program that were incurred on or before the last day of the grant period and to submit a final expenditure report. If a report is not submitted within this time period, expenses claimed on the report may be disallowed; The Grantee will submit financial status reports and/or narrative performance reports at least quarterly, but not more often than monthly. The narrative performance report shall consist of a comparison of actual accomplishments to the approved work plan in the Grantee's application. These reports must be submitted before reimbursement will be paid.

Funds approved under this grant contract shall be used to supplement, and shall not be used to supplant, non-federal funds dedicated to this effort. The Grantee may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.

Applicants must apply through the online WEGO system, and complete the following forms as part of the application:

1. Project Information Sheet
2. Expense Budget Worksheet
3. Terms and Conditions for Grantees That Are Not State Agencies
or
Terms and Conditions for State Agencies Only
4. Line-Item Budget

The Grantee agrees to comply with the following standards and requirements:

- Federal Audit Requirements, included in this application (http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/uploadedfile/Federal_Audit_Requirements.pdf);
- Federal Assurances, included in this application (http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/uploadedfile/Federal_Assurances.pdf);
- Certification Regarding Lobbying, for Grantees receiving \$100,000.00 or more, included in this application (http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/uploadedfile/Certification_Regarding_Lobbying.pdf).

In addition, applicants should review the relevant program-specific sections of the FY2009 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit for additional requirements. All grant recipients are assumed to have read, understood, and accepted the Program Guidance as binding.